

Today's Bible Lesson: October 9, 2011

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The Kingdom Of God

Three spheres of the Kingdom:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Kingdom of heaven is like a _____

*"In North America, people don't have any sense of the true Christian message anymore because the face of that message looks so unlike the founder."
- Hugh Halter and Matt Smay, The Tangible Kingdom*

Three barriers to Kingdom living:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

"If you want to help people, we have to dive into people, wade into the sea of humanity."
- Robin Williams as Patch Adams

"Let us _____ with _____ the _____
marked out before ____."

WELCOME TO FIRST BRETHREN

Service times: 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 a.m.
October 9, 2011

October Sermon Series

In Matthew 6:33 Jesus tell us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Today Pastor Kurt will explain what Jesus was speaking about and will invite us in to join Jesus on His mission.

Next Week Pastor Kurt will begin a series based on the final chapter of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Orange Core Value #4: **GENEROSITY**

October is an Operation Blessing Month – a call and challenge to look like Jesus who modeled what it meant "to not be served, but to serve and give" (Matthew 20:28). Use this month to creatively engage in a service project as a family. Choose one suggested in the GO MAD portion of this bulletin or think of one on your own. Sit down with your family and brainstorm together. You may be surprised what ideas your kids have. Set a date and do it together. There's something very powerful about serving side by side with another person...especially kids.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but **to serve others and to give** his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Next Orange Sunday is October 30th

2011 THEME VERSE and COLOR

"Impress Me." Deuteronomy 6:7

"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."



FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH

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Our Mission

We are committed to leading the people of the North Manchester area community into a growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has gifted our congregation to help families at their point of need, primarily through children and youth.

Kurt Stout, Senior Pastor
Tim Bordeaux, Pastor of Youth
Joe Burgos, Pastor of Hispanic Ministries
Suzanna Hicks, Director of Counseling & Care
Ron Burns, Discipleship Coordinator
Teresa Mize, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Trevor Jones, Worship Coordinator
Carl Petrie, Facility Coordinator
Jim Mishler, Treasurer

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Illness	Illness/Recovery	Recovery
Penny Schuttz	Janet Hays (<i>Bill's Mom</i>)	Norma Slack
Mary Rager (<i>Eldon's Mom</i>)	Dennis Dolby	Deb Zile
Tom Steele	Tova Green (<i>home</i>)	Alma Eiler
Regina Clay (<i>Toni W. Mom</i>)	Phillis Montel (<i>home</i>)	Paul Creager (<i>home</i>)
Grace Kester (<i>Annette Ayres Mom</i>)	Jenae Renz (<i>N. Allen's daughter</i>)	
Donald Bradford (<i>Evelyn Garman's brother</i>)	Vicki Sutton (<i>Wendy Blocher's Mom</i>)	
Velma Dean (<i>Cynthia Johnson's Mom in OH hosp</i>)	Charlie Miller (<i>Luth Rehab Hosp</i>)	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today:	8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 9:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes 9:15 a.m. LOFT Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (<i>Pastor Kurt</i>) 10:30 a.m. Adult and Children's Classes 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ekklesia (HS Youth) @ Town Life Center
Mon:	6:30 p.m. Ministry of Nurture
Tues:	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Room 103 6:00 p.m. Justice Team 7:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry in Room 105
Wed:	6:30 a.m. Prayer meeting in library 6:15-7:45 p.m. CHAOS (JH Youth) @ La Casa 6:30-7:45 p.m. Club RIOT/K.F.C. 6:30 p.m. COURAGEOUS Bible study in library 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship
Thurs:	8:00 p.m. Ministry of Worship
Fri:	Pastor Kurt and Heidi and Pastor Ron and Pei will be at a Love & Respect Conference in Troy, MI (<i>Friday/Saturday</i>) Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot begins 9:00-11:30 p.m. 5 th Quarter @ Town Life Center
Sat:	Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot
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Children's Ministry

God floods the Earth in our Bible story today- the kids in LOFT and elementary Sunday School will focus on how we can count on God.

Club RIOT /K.F.C. - Wednesdays in October from 6:30-7:45 for a Really, Incredible, Outstanding Time! Ages 3-4th Grade! K.F.C. is 5th & 6th Graders.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Wednesday night's Trunk & Treat. We had over 70 families join us for the evening.

Youth Ministry

Ekklesia (HS Youth) tonight we are meeting at the **Town Life Center**.

Any adults who can be "**Great Pumpkins**" at the Chase on Saturday night, October 29, please see Pastor Tim.

Adult Ministry

Men's Bible Study Group – Men, join us in a 4 week COURAGEOUS bible study group. What does a real courageous man look like? Oct. 12th, 19th, 26th, Nov 2nd. 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the FBC library. For questions contact Ron Burns or Steve Searles.

New Topic: Today the HOPE class begins studying the DVD series "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God." All ladies are invited at 10:30 in Room 105.

LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN – I just wish someone would listen to me! Ever hear those words? Come and learn how you could become that someone who listens. On Sunday, October 16th at 9:15 in the gathering Area and 10:30 in the library, there will be an informational meeting about up-coming training for new Stephen Ministers. Any questions, call the church office.

Congregational News

Pictorial Directory – Picture days will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 14, 15, & 16. *There is a need for people to help at the church on those days. For more information or to volunteer, call Janelle Walters at 982-7526.*

Interested in attending National Conference in Ashland, OH next summer (July 18-22)? Or know of someone you'd like to see attend? Tell a pastor soon.

Go M.A.D. (Make A Difference)

OPERATION BLESSING – a call for every person, class, and group to plan and participate in their own service project during the months of October/November. "Make me a blessing to someone today."

How will you be a blessing? Here are some ideas

Fill the Van: Bringing non-perishable food or household items. The WMS is challenging the congregation to "Fill the Van" during the months of Oct/Nov. Distributed locally and to CrossBars Ministry in South Bend.

SIT (School Impact Team): This new team (SIT) will consist of individuals interested in praying, cooking, serving, building, reshelving, and other creative ideas to support those individuals pouring their time and energy into students. The first project for this team is preparing a meal for faculty and staff at MES and MIS on parent/teacher conference nights October 19-20. Speak with Pastor Kurt if you're willing to help cook and/or serve.

Coats for the Community: donate gently used coats, hats, gloves & scarves. Especially kids items. Or donate money to purchase coats.

Operation Christmas Child: Fill a shoebox for kids who likely will have no other Christmas than the one you put together. Collection date: November 13 during the Harvest Sunday Celebration.

Soles4Souls – Over 1.5 billion pairs of shoes lay idle in American closets. Over 300 million children around the world are without shoes. Soles4Souls gives away a pair of shoes every 19 seconds. You can help this organization give shoes away in over 70 countries by donating your gently used shoes. There is a collection box at the Victory Christian Fellowship Store through November.

Gas Cards: know someone who is doing a lot of traveling to and from the hospital? We have gas cards for you to give as a way of caring and supporting someone during a crisis. Speak with a Pastor or with Cindy in the office.

Prayer Ministry

PRAY: receive a monthly staff prayer list. Email Pastor Kurt (Kurt@nmfbc.org)

Pray on Wed. mornings: At 6:30 in the library, until about 7:15. If you have a need for which you'd like the group to pray, please complete a green card located in the pews and put it in the offering plate or in the church office.

College Ministry

Students Following Christ (SFC) Bible Study: Join other MC students and Pastor Kurt on Thursdays 4:30 p.m. @ SAC (*basement of Calvin Ulrey*).